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Dear Examiner Datskovskiy:

Further to our telephone interview this morning, attached are our amendments to the office action of October 1, 2003, for your consideration.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of these documents.

Yours very truly,

John D. Harris

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**Response to Final Office Action**

Sir:

In response to the final action dated October 1, 2003, and further to our telephone interview on January 15, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment. In light of this Response, further consideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 in this response.